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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT:VISA PROBLEM OF PORT CAPTAIN

1. OGDEN MARINE OF NEW YORK REPORTS THAT ITS BRITISH-SUBJECT ODESSA PORT CAPTAIN EDWARD LONG IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN VISA IN LONDON. FIRM WISHES TO SEND HIM TO ODESSA TO MEET OGDEN YUKON, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OGDEN CHAMPION AND OGDEN WABASH.

2. WE SPECULATE VISA PROBLEM IS RELATED TO HOTEL SHORTAGE CAUSED BY PARTY CONGRESS, AND UPON OUR ADVICE FIRM CABLED INFLOT ODESSA AND CONFIRMED LONG WISHES TO PASS THROUGH MOSCOW IN IMMEDIATE TRANSIT AND NOT STAY OVERNIGHT.

3. DEPARTMENT ALSO RAISED MATTER WITH SOVEMBASSY.

4. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO PHONE INFLOT MOSCOW URGING THAT VISA FOR LONG BE AUTHORIZED IN LONDON. INGERSOLL

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